

REMARKS

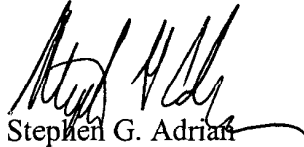
Claims 12-31 are pending. Claims 1-11 and 32 are canceled.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit
Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP



Stephen G. Adrian
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 32,878

SGA/arf

Atty. Docket No. **010312A**
Suite 1000
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-2930



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE